

Zion National Park Vegetation Map Class for Dry Meadow Mixed Herbaceous Vegetation Mosaic

The map class "[Dry Meadow Mixed Herbaceous Vegetation Mosaic](#)" is composed of the following vegetation associations, each described separately:

- [Bouteloua gracilis – Hesperostipa comata Herbaceous Vegetation](#)
- [Hesperostipa comata Great Basin Herbaceous Vegetation](#)
- [Muhlenbergia \(pungens montana\) - Heterotheca villosa Herbaceous Vegetation](#)
- [Thinopyrum intermedium Herbaceous Vegetation](#)

This map class was fairly common from the mid to high elevations at ZION. This class represents grasslands occurring in either natural woodland meadows or previously cleared pastures. Typically no one or two species dominated these sites, instead small patches of different graminoids usually intermixed. In areas with high ground moisture this type was replaced by the Sedge-Rush Wet Meadow Herbaceous Vegetation Mosaic map class with some overlap in species. The photo signature for this type was usually brown or gray corresponding to the dryness of the site and the color of the substrates.